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MR. BELL: Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the City of North Las Vegas. North Las Vegas is concerned about inconsistencies and flaws we feel that need to be further addressed.

- 1 Similar to the Summa Corporation representing the Summerlin development, the City of North Las Vegas is very much concerned with the inconsistency of the transportation routing not being included in the DEIS of the -- of the repository itself. We feel that this transportation routing especially impacts or could impact the City of North Las Vegas, and that is because you've chosen one route to be the northern beltway. The northern beltway is a two-lane highway, to be built as a two-lane highway. There is not in the immediate plans, in fact not until the 20-year plan would there be separation of the inter -- interchange locations. That means major intersections are at grade, and so even though it's considered to be a beltway, this is more like a two-lane highway.

The highway is extensive through the City of North Las Vegas, more than twelve miles across the City of North Las Vegas, an area that's planned for residential, housing, commercial, hotels. Plans have already been underway, tens of millions of dollars are being programmed, have been spent in promoting this area. Not only just 7,500 acres that's been in the news with cities acquiring this, but also existing private land is affected. Existing development projects are affected. So we feel that this EIS is remiss by not including the transportation routing.

- 2 We have further comments we'll be addressing in written form. What we're concerned is that we have an economic situation here. We have developers posed to develop projects, bring in homes, and I think you heard the testimony about future citizens not being represented here to the today. Is the City of North Las Vegas is concerned about those future residents. We're concerned about long-lasting property values. The City Council of the City of North Las Vegas is concerned about its future residents. We're staking our future on this area to the north of our city. That's for economic well-being, that's for the vital -- vitality of the city that we are concerned about this whole program and area.
- 3 The City of North Las Vegas has eighty square miles on its jurisdiction, and this is a primary area of focus. So for these -- this transportation system to not be included in the DEIS has an extremely important flaw that is missed. So we would like you to concern with high regard the City Council wishes in this and that we include also our comments for further consideration. With that, I close my testimony.